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**Amendment A**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2004 April 8, please amend the above application as follow

**Specification:** Cancel the Abstract as written and substitute a more concise abstract as follows.

**Abstract of the enclosure:**

A vapor recovery spout for a portable fuel container. The spout includes an inner sleeve attached to the container to provide a fuel flow passage through the spout. The passage has an outlet port for fuel to flow through into a tank. A sliding sleeve is mounted on the inner sleeve for sliding axial movement from an outwardly extended position to a retracted position. A radially extending annular seal is mounted on the sliding sleeve for sealing the fuel tank opening when the spout is inserted. Vapor recovery passages are provided between the inner sleeve and the sliding sleeve for displaced vapor to flow from the tank to the container. The sliding sleeve closes the fuel passage and the vapor recovery passageways when in its extended position and opens the fuel passage and the vapor recovery passageways when in its retracted position. A spring urges the sliding sleeve to its extended position.

**Claims:** Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 10 to 21 as follows.

10. A vapor recovery spout for a portable container, the spout being insertable in a fuel tank opening and including:  
an inner sleeve member attached to the container and defining a fuel flow passage, the inner sleeve having an outward end portion that defines an outlet port for the fuel flow passage, a sliding sleeve member mounted for axial sliding movement on the inner sleeve